

May 22, 2007

**ESTILL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Estill County Central Office on May 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Estill County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 13-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were 11 individual(s) in attendance. Robert "Skip" Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Crystal Gordon, Edith Osborne, Gina Roland, Kim Parks, Russell Parks, Jeana Flynn, Robert Flynn, Christy Arnold, Jenny Napier, & Jeannie Elkins were present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Johnson called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **renovation of the high school, district white board initiative, construction of a new school to replace West Irvine School & South Irvine grades 1-5, construction of a vocational school facility, renovations to South Irvine Elementary, construction of central storage and maintenance facility, construction of a central office and alternative school and renovations to the bus garage.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement.

- Edith Osborne voiced her opposition to the new District Plan because of busing, less instruction time, cost, stress to students and parents and increase in traffic.
- Russell Parks stated his opposition to the new District Plan because of cost, busing, and lack of response to parent suggestions and concerns, increase in traffic, and possibly illegal actions by the school board.
- Christy Arnold voiced her opposition because her 5-year child could be on the bus for 4-5 hours per day, re-districting would be better option, and student discrimination because of their community standing.
- Kim Parks voiced her opposition because of lack of discussion by the Board of Education, open meeting law violations, ethical violations, lack of response to questions and concerns of parents, misleading information, and re-districting would be better.
- Jeana Flynn opposes because of busing and larger class size.
- Crystal Gordon opposes because of busing and this funding could be spent on seat belts for buses. Jenny Napier opposes because of busing and increase in class size and supports re-districting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Estill Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Estill Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Estill School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

Robert “Skip” Johnson, Hearing Officer

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director

Att: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda
Estill School District Facility Plan